



GOD FIRST.

*Stewardship of our
Treasures*

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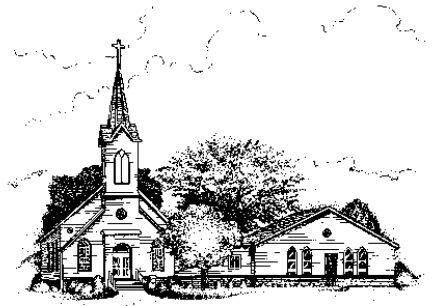
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Welcome to God's House

Stewardship is the lifelong management of all the resources God has given us. Another way to say it: God's people using God's gifts to God's glory. God calls on us, his people, to give him our very best. Not because he needs it, but because it's a tangible expression of our love for him and shows that our very hearts belong to him.



Today we will draw attention to the treasures with which God has blessed us...and how we can use them here in our lives and in our congregation. As stewards, or managers, of these treasures, we are again called to put God first.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn **Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings #752**

Gracious God, you send great blessings new each morning all our days.
For your mercies never ending, for your love we offer praise. **Refrain**

***Refrain: Lord, we pray that we, your people
who your gifts unnumbered claim,
through the sharing of your blessings
may bring glory to your name.***

By your Word you formed creation filled with creatures large and small;
as we tend that endless treasure may our care encircle all. **Refrain**

In his earthly life, our Savior knew the care of faithful friends;
may our deeds of dedication offer love that never ends. **Refrain**

Heav'nly Father, may our caring bear the imprint of your grace;
with the Son and Holy Spirit, praise be yours in ev'ry place! **Refrain**

Invocation and Opening Dialogue

In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

We all have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If
your gift is prophesying,
then prophesy in accordance with your faith;

if it is serving,
then serve;

if it is teaching,
then teach;

if it is to encourage,
then give encouragement;

if it is giving,
then give generously;

if it is to lead,
do it diligently;

if it is to show mercy,
do it cheerfully.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let

us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

Song of Praise

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**All glory be to God in heav'n above;
peace on the earth through his redeeming love.
Almighty Father, thanks and praise we bring;
your name we bless, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**O Lamb of God, you take all sin away;
show us your mercy, hear us as we pray.
With God the Spirit at the Father's throne,
you, Christ, are holy; you are Lord alone.**

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, Creator of all and Giver of all good things, we want to give you thanks for your rich grace given through Word and sacrament to us. Strengthen us by your Word, and receive our praise, prayers, and offerings as fruits of the faith that you have given us in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

1 Chronicles 29:1-9

Then King David said to the whole assembly: “My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the Lord God. ² With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities. ³ Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple: ⁴ three thousand talents of gold (gold of Ophir) and seven thousand talents of refined silver, for the overlaying of the walls of the buildings, ⁵ for the gold work and the silver work, and for all the work to be done by the craftsmen. Now, who is willing to consecrate themselves to the Lord today?”

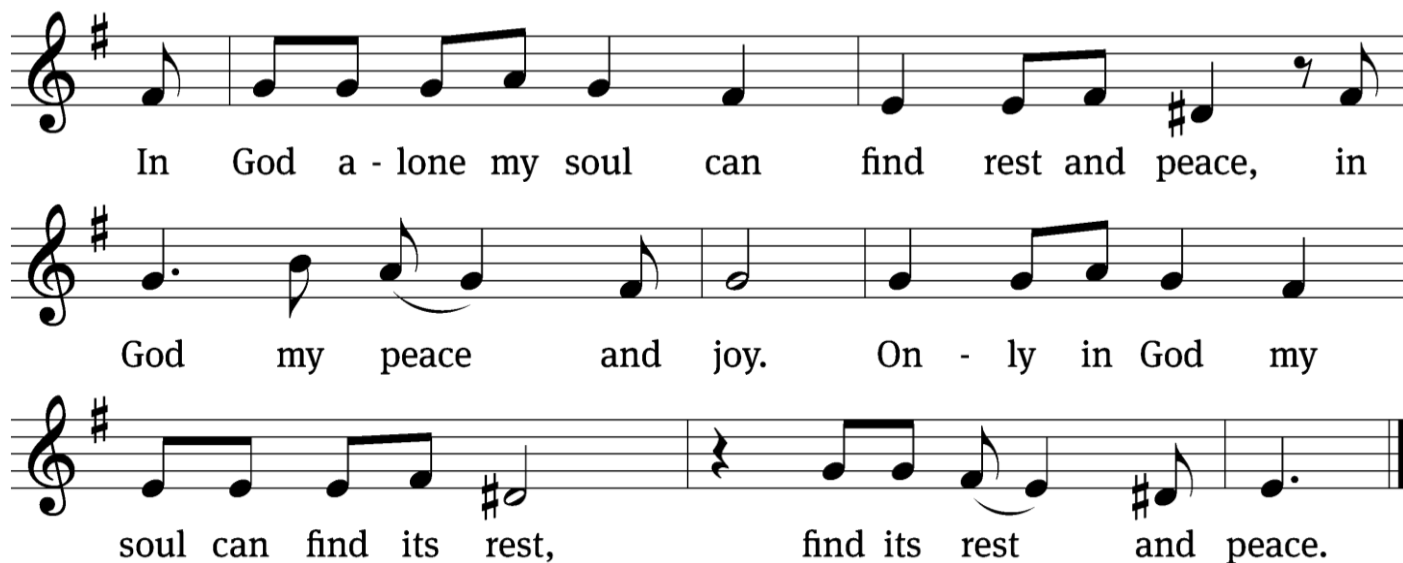
⁶ Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king’s work gave willingly. ⁷ They gave toward the work on the temple of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze and a hundred thousand talents of iron. ⁸ Anyone who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the Lord in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite. ⁹ The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

In God Alone – Psalm 62A



In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in
God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my
soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

Tone



Truly my soul finds / rest in God;

my salvation / comes from him.

Truly he is my rock and my sal- / vation;

he is my fortress, I will never be / shaken.

Yes, my soul, find / rest in God;

my hope / comes from him. **Refrain**

Though your rich- / es increase,

do not set your / heart on them.

My salvation and my honor de- / pend on God;

he is my mighty rock, my / refuge.

Trust in him at all times, you / people;

pour out your hearts to him, for God is our / refuge.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

“He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Galatians 2:20

Alleluia. I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 26:6-13

⁶ While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, ⁷ a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

⁸ When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they

asked. ⁹ “This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.”

¹⁰ Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹ The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. ¹² When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. ¹³ Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly #748

Brothers, sisters, let us gladly give to God our all, our best:
service hearty, thorough, honest, with a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving, all our time to him belong;
praise him, then, with true devotion, come before him with a song.

By his mercy, by his bounty, by the gift of Christ, his Son,
what great goodness he has shown us, what high marvels he has done!
Let us to him promptly, freely, yield our bodies and our souls,
thankful that his love protects us, that his wisdom all controls.

Gracious Lord, accept our service for the sake of Christ, your Son;
lo, our hope abides now only in the righteousness he won.
Bless and save us, help and guide us, watch to comfort and restore,
till in heav'n we rest rejoicing, praising you forevermore.

Sermon

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

We Have a God of Abundance

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord of our lives, by sending your Son to live and die as our perfect substitute, you provided forgiveness and salvation to a world of sinners.

We praise you for your generous, saving love.

We thank you for reaching out to each of us with your Word and the water of Holy Baptism.

You have set us apart as people who belong to you, people whose purpose in life is to receive your love and live to your glory.

Gracious Father, remind us that you have called us to live for you and not for ourselves or according to the standards of this world.

Help us prioritize our time, our talents, our treasures, and whatever you have placed into our hands for those things that will be of eternal value.

Help us to love you and others and to use things as you desire, instead of loving things and trying to use you and others for our own selfish desires. **May our hearts belong to you completely so that our lives can be devoted to things that really matter.**

Compassionate Lord, bless all who are suffering or in need. Be with the lonely and the grief-stricken. Move us to use the unique gifts you have given each of us to bring comfort and help to those who need it.

Bless the government and your Church, and make us blessings to both.

We ask you to hear our personal prayers....

Silent prayers and special intercessions

All these things we ask, not because we deserve them, but because your Son has earned for us the right to approach you as your dear children. In His name we pray.

Amen.

Offering

Our members have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are visiting, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Hymn

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us #767:1-2

Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;
and with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand
to th' unthankful and the evil with your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone

till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by you, at length believe that more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.

Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

If God Himself Be For Me #819:1-3

If God himself be for me, I may a host defy;

for when I pray, before me my foes, confounded, fly.

If Christ, my head and master, befriend me from above,

what foe or what disaster can drive me from his love?

This I believe, yea rather, of this I make my boast,

that God is my dear Father, the friend who loves me most,

and that, whate'er betide me, my Savior is at hand
thro' stormy seas to guide me and bring me safe to land.

I build on this foundation, that Jesus and his blood
alone are my salvation, my true, eternal good.

Without him all that pleases is valueless on earth;
the gifts I have from Jesus alone have priceless worth.

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This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Bible Study
	6- 8:00 p.m.	Youth Night at WLC
Tue:	2:30 p.m.	KM Gardens Devotion, Kewaskum
Wed:	6:00 p.m.	Catechism Instructions
Thu:	2:30 p.m.	Samaritan Home Devotion, W.B.
	7:00 p.m.	Reformation Worship w/ Holy Communion
	7:30 p.m.	Online Bible study
Fri:	7:00 p.m.	KML Children's Theater
Sat:	2:00 p.m.	KML Children's Theater
Sun:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Reformation Worship w/ Holy Communion
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Bible Study

Home in Heaven Marilyn Martin was called home to heaven last Friday night (October 11th). Visitation will be this Saturday, October 26th from 10-12 p.m. with the funeral beginning at noon. The committal will take place immediately after the funeral with a light lunch to follow. May God comfort all who grieve with the knowledge that because Jesus lives, so do all who die in him.

Affirmation of Baptism Raymond Allen Hetebrueg, son of Tyler and Heidi, will have his baptism affirmed in the late service today (Sunday). He was born June 24th and baptized on the 25th. May God keep him in his baptismal grace all his life.

In Our Prayers Lee Frasier (brother-in-law of Milton Griepentrog), at home battling leukemia.

Stewardship Today is the last of 3 stewardship – focused weekends which will focus on how we use our time, talents and treasures to God's glory.

After each of the services, one of the members of the Endowment / Stewardship committee will remind Zion members how they can put this particular gift into practice in our daily lives.

We thank our organists this weekend: Barb Olsen on Thursday and Bea Pamperin on Sunday.

Politics Driving Your Crazy? Is the upcoming election making you feel anxious or overwhelmed? In this last session on the topic, we explore how Christians can stay grounded in faith while navigating political chaos. Join the study this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Go to www.forwardinchrist.net/online-study to register and access the previous 3 studies.

WELS Youth Night at WLC—Calling all youth in grades 9-12! Join us at Wisconsin Lutheran College this evening - October 20th - from 6-8 p.m. for an event where you will experience an evening of free food, games, music, prayer, a Bible message, small group discussions, and fun with other high schoolers from area WELS churches. Pastor Clark Schultz will provide a message, and young adults will lead the worship, games, and small group discussions. Register now at forms.gle/mnyc58TErtBv86ri6.

Joint Reformation Service An area Joint Reformation Service take place next Sunday, October 27 at 4:00 pm at St. Peter's in Fond du Lac. Professor Steven Pagels from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be the guest preacher. Everyone is invited!

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Don't miss this KML Children's Theatre production this coming Friday, October 25, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, October 26, at 2 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door beginning 30 minutes before each public performance. All tickets are general admission and \$5/person. Visit kmlhs.org/theatre for more information.

Veterans Day Observance at KML Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School's annual Veterans Day Observance will be held Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 9:20 AM in the KML Performing Arts Center. Doors open at 9:00

AM. All are invited to attend. No RSVP necessary. More info at kmlhs.org/veterans. KML is located at 3399 Division Road, Jackson.

KML Open House Come experience the KML culture at our open house on Sunday, November 3, from 1:00-3:00 PM. All are welcome and will have the opportunity to tour our beautiful facility, meet the teachers, and learn about the many different facets of our Christian educational program. No registration required.

The WELS Connection, a monthly news video from our national church body - the WELS, will be shown after church today. This month, meet the WELS European Civilian Chaplain, a pastor who serves military members and their families as well as civilians who are scattered across Europe.

Pick up one of the remaining *Forward in Christ* magazines for October, a church calendar and a newsletter from the cabinets in the entryway.

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